

### **In the Claims:**

Amend Claim 1.

1. (Currently amended). A valve arrangement, comprising a valve head displaceable substantially perpendicular to a flow direction of fluid through the valve arrangement; a valve seat, the valve head flatly ~~had flatly~~ abutting the valve seat in a closed condition of the valve arrangement; and a valve spring for biasing the valve head into a flat abutment engagement with the valve seat, the valve spring being formed of at least one substantially hollow body made of an elastomeric material.

2. (Original). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body is formed by a tube.

3. (Original). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body has a circular cross-section.

4. (Withdrawn). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body has a rectangular cross-section.

5. (Withdrawn). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body is formed of a plurality of concentric elements.

6. (Withdrawn). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body is formed as a spiral.

7. (Withdrawn). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body is formed of a plurality of segments.

8. (Withdrawn). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the hollow body is formed of a porous structure.

9. (Original). A valve arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the valve head is provided with a continuous flat sealing member.

10. (Original). A valve arrangement according to claim 9, wherein the sealing member is formed by a coating deposited on a side of the valve head adjacent to the valve seat.